

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Bay Area District
845 Casa Grande Road
Petaluma. CA 94954

PROJECT TITLE: Millerton Point Prescribed Burn

LOCATION: Tomales Bay State Park **COUNTY:** Marin

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Conduct prescribed broadcast burning in the grasslands of the Millerton Point area of Tomales Bay State Park to restore the natural process of fire in the ecosystem, enhance biodiversity, and control invasive plants and shrubs. Work will occur within the spring or fall burn windows during appropriate weather conditions, in accordance with approved burn plans, and may include reburning the unit over the next ten (10) years based on site monitoring and conditions. Work will use hand or power tools to construct maximum four-foot (4') wide fire lines, which will be used as control lines for the burn units, along with wetlines as appropriate, as well as use existing fire roads and trails including the Millerton Point Loop Trail.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation **NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Bay Area District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 4 Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes, and is included as "Prescribed burns to restore native vegetation, reduce fuel loads, and control invasive exotic or alien species" and "Resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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